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## THE AMERICAN CREED.

I believe in the United States of Amer-  
ica as a government of the people, by  
the people, for the people, whose just  
powers are derived from the consent  
of the governed; a democracy in a repub-  
lic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign  
States; a perfect Union, one and insepar-  
able, established upon those principles of freedom, equal-  
ity, justice, and humanity for which American patriots  
sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is  
my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitu-  
tion; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it  
against all enemies.

## WHERE PUBLIC OPINION WILL BE.

IT is apparent that the representatives of the United  
Mine Workers who conducted the long drawn out  
and unsuccessful efforts to negotiate a new mine scale  
count upon the support of public opinion in the strike which  
now seems unavoidable. Acting President Lewis of the  
Mine Workers went so far as to say after he left the office  
of the Secretary of Labor for the last time yesterday:

We have no fear as to the outcome. Nor do  
we have any fear but that the American public  
will see the justice of our position and action.

There never was a more illusory hope. The public does  
not understand what the miners are trying to get at with  
their demand for a five day week and a six hour day. The  
miners themselves do not know why such an extreme de-  
mand was made, but that is beside the question just now.  
The thing the public is going to grasp is that through no  
fault of its own, and in spite of the fact that increases of  
pay were offered to the miners, work was suspended and  
the country was left to freeze.

In such circumstances there is going to be an insistent  
demand that the government take steps to protect the pub-  
lic. Practically any plan the government decides upon will  
receive the support of public opinion, and neither the miners  
nor the mine operators need count on a look in until the  
stream of coal to the points of consumption is renewed.  
For some time we have been hearing the place where the  
public will cease to be a passive sufferer in every industrial  
dispute. This coal strike is going to prove that we have  
passed it, and that hereafter the public is going to protect  
itself first and then give thought to the merits of the con-  
trovery.

## MIGHT CANNOT WIN IN AMERICA.

BASIL MANLEY, who conceived the idea of the  
Industrial conference, believed that representatives of  
capital, labor and the people could sit down in a room  
and quietly talk over the industrial questions of the day man  
fashion and come to some kind of an opinion about the  
best way to smooth things out, and that this result of what  
the President is fond of calling common council would be  
useful in settling the disputes as they arose all over the  
country from time to time.

In theory it was all right. It is a commonplace that the  
basis of our whole political fabric is compromise and that  
this principle so useful in public affairs has been applied  
more and more in recent years in our commercial and in-  
dustrial life. But the theory fell down because it was not  
put to a test until after both capital and labor became so  
class conscious that compromises were practically out of  
the question.

The British seem to have the faculty of squirming out  
of tense situations and actually making progress in the  
process. We seem not to have learned the trick on this  
side. A year from now the very same men who failed so  
miserably this month probably could put their heads to-  
gether and work out an industrial program which would  
mark a distinct advance.

And while this particular American shortcoming is  
under consideration it is worth while to remember that per-  
haps a marked peculiarity of our political system has some-  
thing to do with the tendency of conflicting interests to  
stand firm even when everything about them seems to be  
rocking. In England it is sometimes necessary for the gov-  
ernment in order to save itself to force compromises. But  
here there can be no political change until the fourth of  
March, 1921, no matter what occurs. There is no such  
thing as direct political action in the United States. If  
labor, for instance, attempts to carry on with a high hand  
the only thing the government need worry about is the  
preservation of peace and the protection of the public as  
far as that is possible.

In this latter particular the world was taught a few tricks  
by the Great War, as the striking railway men in England  
found the other day. It was generally believed that a big  
rail strike would soon starve England into submission. Be-  
fore the war it would have had that effect. Nothing like  
that happened, however, thanks to the prompt and general  
use of motor trucks. It probably is safe to assume that the  
public was as much surprised as the railroad men when it  
was discovered that a railroad tie up did not bring all Eng-  
land to its knees. It compelled the labor leaders to readjust  
all along the line. However, the phase of the matter which  
most interests us here is that basic strategy has changed even  
in industrial uprisings.

That being true the thing that will happen in this coun-  
try if there is to be a big general strike is that the govern-  
ment, representing the public, will merely have to sit tight  
until one or the other parties to the struggle reaches a state  
of exhaustion. Then it will step in, as it did in the great  
Hard Coal strike, set up a commission to take charge of a  
resumption, study the points in dispute and quietly work  
out a solution to be announced weeks after the actual strike  
is over and at a time when there is a more tranquil state  
of mind in the country. As in the case of the Hard Coal  
strike that solution probably would be good enough funda-  
mentally and fair enough to all concerned to insure indus-  
trial peace for a long term of years. This is the most ex-  
pensive and the least desirable way to do such things, but  
it seems to be the only way it can be done until both  
capital and labor realize that there is no such thing as  
pushing through a grasping policy by main strength in  
a republic where the government does not have to worry  
about how long it is going to remain in control.

A SLAP ON THE WRIST.

A NEW YORK candy manufacturer was fined \$100  
after being found guilty on a charge of coating  
"mouldy, musty, sour almonds with candy and coloring  
matter." The candy factory was working on a million-  
pound contract order.

At present candy prices surely a manufacturer can be  
honest with his customers and still turn a fair-sized profit.  
But that isn't the point we wish to make. The punish-  
ment was wholly inadequate. Fining a wealthy food man-  
ufacturer a trifle like \$100 when convicted of adulterating  
food is as foreign to justice as taping a gunman's hand  
with a ruler.

A good stiff dose of prison might effect a cure; no \$100  
fine will.

One of the few encouraging prospects in the mine  
strike is the prompt action of the wholesale coal dealers  
in various centers in agreeing to hold the price of coal  
down. For practically all the public hostility which the  
coal industry has had to suffer in the past it has had  
to thank the predatory instincts of the brokers and  
wholesalers in coal. This time the instinct of self pres-  
ervation ought to keep every one on the level, for the  
public is going to be in a very bad humor before this  
strike gets very far.

There really ought to be a more generous response  
here to the appeal for funds for the Roosevelt Memorial  
association. One need not send a large amount of  
money to become enrolled among the members of the  
association. Indeed the men behind this movement  
rather hope that there will be a large number of small  
contributions. One dollar gets you on the list as easily  
as does a hundred dollars.

Secretary of Labor Wilson came through the effort  
to settle the coal strike without losing the confidence  
of the public and that is a good thing, for if the open  
break comes the next move will have to come from him.

The only incident yesterday of the treaty debate  
which continues to drag out its weary length in the  
senate was a sharp clash between Senator Johnson, of  
California, and Senator Hale, of Maine, both Republi-  
cans but both as far apart on this issue as their respec-  
tive states are. Yet there are people who think the  
treaty is a political issue. It is not, and if the treaty  
is ratified with reasonable reservations as now seems  
probable it will not be a political issue next year except  
in a local way, and then it is pretty apt to cut both ways  
with about equal effect.

There is not much reason yet for working up any  
excitement over another march of armed miners in the  
southern end of the state. The incidents of the past few  
days indicate that radicals are actively at work among  
the miners, but the authorities are alert and the prompt  
response of the orders to go back to work proves that  
the officers of the United Mine Workers have an even  
better grip on the situation now than they had when the  
first march began.

## TRUTHS AND TRAVESTIES

By the Bard.

Tenshuni!

I see by the papers that there is a  
shortage of thirty-eight thousand  
school teachers in the United States.  
I am not at all surprised. In fact I  
will go so far as to say I have been  
expecting this. I knew a school teach-  
er once. A very clever fellow. He is  
now getting immensely wealthy as a  
street car conductor. I understand  
that school teachers also make splen-  
did dentists and waitresses and ice  
men and miners and machinists and  
bod carriers and plumbers and paint-  
ers and chorus girls and spirit-wait-  
salesmen. Why should they not do  
the pedagogical ranks and earn a  
decent living? I also see that the  
miners are planning another march  
into Logan county. It would seem that  
they have periodical migratory hab-  
its, or possibly they have become so  
supine in the lap of luxury that they  
need the exercise. If I were a miner I  
believe, with a little effort, I could find  
pleasure in my estate, with my auto-  
mobiles and servants about me and  
occasional trips to pleasure resorts,  
without getting up a hiking party and  
marching about Logan county, which  
I understand is a very hilly and dis-  
agreeable district.

Parade Rest!

Mary is a pretty miss  
And her nose is retroussée;  
Because of this  
She likes to kiss  
For it's never in the way.

Present Arms!

The Girl In The Office says she  
thinks Roy Grigier is just horrid for  
the other evening she told him that  
people had said she was an awful flirt  
and he said that maybe all she needed  
was a little practice.

Ground Arm!

Wet streets no terrors hold for those  
Who sport a pair of silken hose.

Gas Alerts!

Health Hints!  
It is very unhealthy to be a Bolshe-  
vik at this writing. One must be very  
careful for it is epidemic nearly  
everywhere. If you think you have  
been exposed immediately procure a  
copy of the constitution of the United  
States and read it carefully and  
thoughtfully. If this does not effect  
an improvement and the malady grows  
worse drastic and severe treatment  
should, and probably will, be adminis-  
tered.

When kissing great care should be  
taken to avoid microbes. They often  
cause palpitation of the heart.

Loud and ejaculatory language will  
sometimes be found effective in  
drowning out the barking of shins.

All Clear!

Here is a fashion note from the  
Hampton (Va.) Chronicle:  
"The thieves took everything else  
he had in the room. Mr. Ferris bor-  
rowed a pair of pants from the house-  
maid while he went out to a store and  
secured a pair of shoes, socks, etc."

## EAST SIDE NEWS

**Call Meeting.**  
A call meeting of the Marion Coun-  
ty Executive committee of the W. C.  
T. U. will be held at Willard hall next  
Monday afternoon at two o'clock.  
Every member of the committee is ex-  
pected to be present.

**Linn-Parrell.**  
The marriage of Cecil Linn and Miss  
Estia Parrell took place Thursday after-  
noon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of  
Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Cox in Merchant  
street. The ceremony was performed  
by Rev. J. C. Buckley, of the Diamond  
street church and was witnessed by a

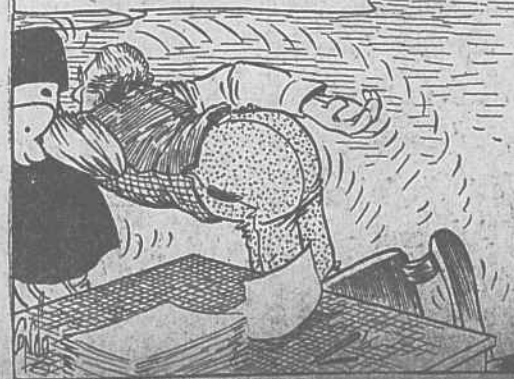
## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO)

AT THE PLACE YOU WERE EMPLOYED  
BEFORE WE HIRED YOU, DID THEY GET  
MUCH WORK OUT OF YOU?



WELL, I'LL SAY THEY GOT ALL OF IT!!!  
COME OVER TO THE BOOKKEEPER  
AND GET YOUR TIME!!!



## REFLECTIONS

By ALFRED MEYERS.

Europe is to get 6,000,000 tons of  
American coal. Will that gain us a  
warm spot in her affections?

German Opera, in N. Y., is now be-  
ing sung with a chorus of protesting  
voices.

Moving pictures are the moral and  
economic ruin of the nation, said the  
Rev. E. V. Shayler, bishop of Neb-  
raska. The truth of this assertion is  
rather screened.

Those who advertise: "Why pay  
more?" rarely give you anything for  
less.

The 5-cent cigar of 1916 now sells  
for 15 cents. A striking example.

Will Flowers, a negro, of Paris, Ky.,  
was fined \$50 for carrying a pistol and  
\$50 for flourishing it. It's a hundred  
to one that he won't carry the bloom-  
in' thing again.

Mrs. Aurora Bone, of Cincinnati,  
was granted a divorce from Louis  
Bone, because instead of providing for  
her he spent the money for liquor. If  
Bones had only been bone dry!

If they get into the labor movement  
no one will be able to secure influence  
in it unless he has hay seed in his  
hair and says "by gum."

We'll say this for the rainy weather  
of this week.

It made the football fields nice and  
soft for today's contests.

Judging by the newspapers these  
days not even the bank robbers and  
the highwaymen are trying to limit  
their working day to six hours.

Don't forget to turn the clock back  
tonight.

You certainly would feel foolish to  
turn up at church an hour too early.

## A SOUND OBJECTION.

Dolly Dill—I wouldn't marry the  
best man in the world.  
Harold Huggins—Man hater?  
Dolly—By no means. But the best man  
in the world would be so entirely  
good I never could get anything on  
him.—Detroit News.

## THESE POOR ARTISTS.

Comic Artist—How much will it cost  
to send these packages?  
Clerk—What's in 'em?  
"Some of my work."  
"Four cents; that's third-class mat-  
ter."—Detroit News.

## RUFF STUFF

Even the Industrial Conference  
could not avoid catching the strike  
fever.

What a grand and glorious thing it  
would be if the profiteers would strike.

And stay out until the cows come  
home.

Gompers is going to take the farm-  
ers in on that great labor conference  
he is going to hold in Washington "in  
the near future."

It's time to begin to buy flowers for  
the labor movement as it is at present  
constituted.

Wonder if old Sam ever heard the  
tale about the camel that got his  
head under the tent.

The farmers are the guys who man-  
aged to get exemption for all the re-  
straining laws that ever were passed.

Who keeps half the legislatures of  
the U. S. half to death periodi-  
cally?

Who got the daylight saving law  
repealed against the protest of all the  
natural interests of the country.

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they will make their future home.  
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friends.

## Meetings Closed.

The series of meetings at the Chris-  
tian Chapel were brought to a close  
last evening. The sermons delivered  
by the evangelist, J. E. Pinnell, were  
most instructive throughout the series  
and it was indeed a great pleasure to  
all interested in the study of the  
Scriptures to hear him. He goes from  
here to Benton's Ferry to begin a  
meeting there Sunday morning.

**Death of Mrs. Sallie Harden Wright.**  
A telegram was received by T. D.  
Harden this morning announcing the  
death of his sister, Mrs. Sallie Harden  
Wright, at her home at Santa Rosa,  
Cal. Mrs. Wright had been in declin-  
ing health ever since an attack of in-  
fluenza last winter and her death was  
not unexpected. The funeral was held  
today and the remains laid to rest at  
Santa Rosa.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Holland.**  
The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Hol-  
land which occurred last evening at  
6:30 o'clock at the home of her daugh-  
ter, Mrs. D. W. Toothman, in Reeves  
avenue, removes from our midst one  
of the oldest residents of the East  
side. Of a gentle, refined disposition  
she was known and loved by nearly  
every resident of this part of the city.  
She had been ill for many weeks and

was the object of the most tender care  
and devotion of her daughter and fam-  
ily during her illness. Funeral ser-  
vices will be held at the home, 113  
Reeves avenue, Sunday afternoon at  
2:30 o'clock and interment made in  
Maple Grove cemetery.

## Son.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Garlow announce  
the birth of a son, Friday evening, at  
eight o'clock at their home in Coch-  
ran street.

## Indisposed.

James Thomas, of Ferry street, has  
been ill at the home of his daughter,  
Mrs. Hugh Ball, in Guffey street, the  
past couple of days.

## Links Class.

The members of the Links class of  
the Diamond street church will be en-  
tertained by Misses Lillian and Jessie  
Morris at their home in Morgantown  
avenue next Tuesday evening. Hal-  
lowe'en decorations and amusements  
will be features of the evening's enter-

tainment and a good time is antici-  
pated.

## Hallowe'en Party.

Miss Donna Adams gave a Hallowe'en  
party to a number of her little friends  
on Thursday evening at her home in  
State street. The event was a most  
enjoyable one.

## GIRL HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

Knocked from the Binghamton creek  
bridge by an interurban car from  
Clarksburg, Miss Sarah Elizabeth  
Rich, aged sixteen, Wednesday night  
suffered no injuries more serious than  
a scratched and bruised nose. The  
distance from the bridge to the  
ground is about twenty-five feet,  
which makes Miss Rich's escape from  
serious injury nothing short of a mir-  
acle.

## A PERSISTENT FAULT.

The ex-Doughboy—Well, I'm home  
at last. I was discharged yesterday.  
His Wife—I was afraid you would  
be discharged. You never could keep  
a job.—Detroit News.

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